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A PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

In today's tense and fast - moving world, millions of us are perplexed, puzzlued and confused. Too many of us are caught-up in the race for the dollar, or survival, and we fail to do the clear thinking necessary to develop a philosophy of life.

True - happiness is only possible when one has developed a philosophy of his own. All of us have our deficiencies and our handicaps, and the sooner we realize that we are limited, in ways, the better off we will be.

Moreover, all of us will not be millionnaires, and most of us will want some things during life which we cannot attain. The solution is to be satisfied with what - honest effort and real dedication can do, and to realize that life on earth is not everything. Nor are material values as important as some of us assume.

The secret of happiness is a philosophy of mind. In the pressure of day-to-day living, it requires a bit of extra common sense to keep one's feet on the ground, and to follow a GLEAM, A DREAM, and learn to live ABOVE the material things.

HEALTH AID FOR THE AGED

The Administration has been flirting with a proposal to provide for a subsidized program of voluntary health insurance for the aged.

This is a compromise approach for the Eisenhower Administration. It is understood that Vice-President Richard Nixon, alarmed over statements of labor leaders and others, to the effect that the Eisenhower Administration, had double-crossed those in favor of federal health insurance for the aged, lent his influence to the effort to bring about some Administration program.

This could be a most expensive undertaking. Once started, the Federal Government would be committed to vast expenitures, and likely on borrowed money. It is another case of a worthy project, but without a sound financial base.

As with many another worthy project, it involves more and more dependence upon Washington,, and on national deficits. The entire project is worthy, but it should be entered into only after careful study.

BASEBALL AGAIN

The Major League baseball season is again underway. That means that cold weather is no longer permitted. Though the wintry winds may ignore this law for a few days or weeks, eventually the law will prevail, and baseball will continue throughout the summer of 1960.

To prove that all things, change, even the Major Leagues changed things this year. Next year, there will be another league, and that will be an even greater change. This year the National League opened its season a week ahead of the American League. Because they had two West Coast teams, they needed more time for the scheduilng.

From now until late September (and the World Series stretches into October) baseball fans will be following their favorite teams.

Baseball, in the midst of a fight for its audiencei s hoping to replace its drawing power in the outlying areas, by means of TV shows of big league games. But, the question, remains: if baseball is no longer being played in the outlying cities and towns, where are the players coming from who can maintain the prestige of propessional baseball? And, if there are not enough quality players to maintain two major leagues, how do they figure what will happen to the quality of baseball if they split up what is available into THREE leagues next season? Something, and something drastic, has to be done to produce more quality performers.

Life is a problem of balance, usually, the bank balance.

The human race has its problems, including you and me.

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Washington Notes

Tiros I

The United States will share the weather pictures obtained from Tiros I and future meteorological satellites with the rest of the world, according to a recent announcement by a space agency official.

The cooperation at first will be limited to distributing the cloud cover pictures taken by the Tiros satellite. Ultimately, however, it is expected that detailed weather information obtained from the satellites will be distributed through the world meteorological organization to assist in the preparation of global weather forecasts.

Test Ban Favored

All major Presidential aspirants are agreed on continuing into the next Administration any nuclear moratorium President Eisenhower might undertake with Britain and the Soviet Union.

Alert Fund Asked

The Chief of the Strategic Command has appealed to Congress for $571,000,000, nearly seven times what President Eisenhower has proposed, as a down payment on a continuous airborne alert.

General Thomas S. Power outlined his proposals before a Senate Appropriations subcommitee earlier this month.

Health Plan

Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, has denied that President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon had split over a health insurance plan for older persons.

A bill to expand the Social Security program to provide old-age health insurance has been introduced in the House by Representative Aime J. Forand, Democrat, of Rhode Isand, and is supported by leading Democrats.

Mr. Nixon, while joining with the President, in opposing the Forand Bill, has urged the Administration to counter with a voluntary insurance program.

Stonewall

Stonewall, April 19.- We are so thankful for the nice rains we have had. Everything looks so lovely this A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alvis and children spent the week-end at Orange, Va. with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Matthews, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jobe and boys, of Amherst and Mrs. H. W. Brown and children, of Gladstone, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings and children, of North Carolina, and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Jennings and family, of Bedford City, visited Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dysse over the week-end.

We were all so glad to see Mr. Carter Bondurant home on a visit. He looks grand..

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones and family, of Spout Spring spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davidson and baby, of Richmond, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and girls, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick over the week-end.

Rev. Aaron Smith and E. L. Chick visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Page last Wednesday evening. Sorry to say Mr. Page is on our sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stratton, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stratton and son, of Oakville visited Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Stratton over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette had all their children and grandchildren with them for the holidays.

Donald Lee Drinkard, of Staunton School, is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited with Miss Sue Davidson and Aubrey Davidson on Sunday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell at Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Alvis, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Alvis and Mrs. Elsie Caldwell, of Lynchburg, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr. and Kathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Epperly and family, of Richmond spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard.

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By E. H. Sims

Does thunder sound more omninous when you are under a cloud? Does the lowness of the clould affect chances of being struck by lightning?

Yes, thunder sounds more impressive when you are directly under a thunderhead. The low cloud ceiling makes the noise louder and the thunder is also likely to be closer, too.

The lowness of the ceiling above you is important. When a thunderhead moves in overhead, and is very low, the danger from lightning is considerable. The greatest danger comes after the hardest rainfall—when some think the worst is over.

And the nearness or the cloud base is an indication of the lightning danger. For, while the electrical discharges we call lightning may streak down from some height, they are more frequent, and more likely, if the distance to the surface of the earth is not great.

President concerned over softness of youth.

Amish win compromise in school fight.

Franco virtually clears way for pretender to throne.

Communist China slows economic stride slightly.

Soviet hints at extending disarmament period.

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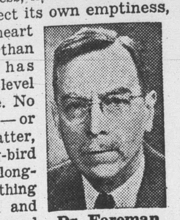
The Hungry Heart

Lesson for April 24, 1960



Dr. Foreman

NOT EVERY heart is hungry. Some hearts are not hungry because they are sick, they are not normal. A heart that feels the need of nothing, a mind that has not enough imagination to perceive its own hollowness, not enough sensitivity to detect its own emptiness, is a human heart that is less than human. It has sunk to the level of the brute. No pig, no cow — or for that matter, no humming-bird —feels any longing for anything except food and an occasional mate. This is not heart-hunger at all, it is what all beasts and even many plants experience.

They Shall Not Be Filled

The heart of man, by the Creator's design, is made for deeper and more difficult hungers than food and sex can supply. Some of these are insatiable. Let the heart hold all that it can, it is still never enough. The hunger for recognition, for attention, for fame—when does it say, Enough? The actor never finds the applause loud enough, the critics never rave enough, there never are enough newspaper notices, one Oscar calls for more . . . The hunger for power knows no limits. The old story of the fisherman's wife who first began by wanting a cottage and finally ended by wanting to be God, is a parable of the human heart that never cries, Enough! The hunger for power is never satisfied till above one's head one sees no greater Power—never till beneath his feet one sees every living thing . . . and that time never comes. The heart hungry for power shall never be filled.

An Appetite for Righteousness

So some hungers of the heart make for unhappiness. One almost envies the contented cattle or the silent stones. They may not be happy but they are not unhappy, they have no heart at all. No, this is a wrong envy. The way to happiness is not to live without a heart. The way to happiness is one which Jesus has shown us. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." Desire to have brings frustration; desire to be brings fulfillment.

Yet this can be misunderstood. The men whom Jesus most often condemned, the Pharisees, desired righteousness. But the trouble with them was that the righteousness they sought set them apart from their fellow-men. It led them to pray, "I thank thee that I am not as other men." It is no accident that next to the blessing on those who hunger for righteousness, comes the blessing on the merciful. The heart that hungers for goodness in the manner of the Pharisees merely wants to be good. The kind of goodness Jesus meant—since he practiced it in his life — was the kind that is good to others. The Pharisees' righteousness shut mercy out; Jesus' righteousness began with mercy and compassion.

They Shall Be Filled

A hungry man does not need to be told he is empty, he knows it, it is a painful fact. Hungering for righteousness begins with a feeling of emptiness. A person at death's edge from starvation may refuse the food that would save him. So those who are empty of goodness and even spiritually starved for the lack of it, may not hunger for what they most need.

Why do you want to be good? There are poor reasons and better ones. Do you want it for the sake of a better reputation? Do you want it so as to have something to be proud of? Or do you hunger for goodness in order to be of more help to others along life's way? Do you desire it as a ladder for climbing into heaven, or as a loaf to share with those in need? There was a man who did not know how to swim. He always rather wished he could, especially when he saw other people swimming. He wanted to do what they could. But then one day he saw a tired-out injured swimmer at the point of drowning, before his eyes. Then he really hungered to know how to swim. And then he began to learn. Those who hunger and thirst to be the kind of person Jesus was, shall be filled.

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"What I Expect Of Our Schools"

(Note: This is another in a series of articles on our schools).

By: Patsy Gilbert

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School is the institution of learning. It is here that a foundation is laid for future life. Preparation is made for college or for some vocation. It builds character and helps in molding the minds and outlooks of young people. Therefore, I expect much from our schools.

It is the duty of the school to make good citizens out of boys and girls. I feel that many of the schools of today are not living up to this requirement. If they were, I don't believe there would be so much juvinile delinquency as there is in this modern age. When a child is brought up with the right ideals and beliefs, he is not likely to desert them very easily.

Some of the subjects I feel are of most importance to the students are as follows: four years of English; at least two years of science and math, though more should be offered for college-bound students; one year of history and one of government; four years of foreign languages, such as French and Spanish; business subjects, such as shorthand, typing, bookkeeping, and business machines; and classes in art, and music.

As students trying to learn, we deserve the very best of teachers. This means those who have a thorough knowledge of the subject they are teaching, who will work with the students at all times, who will be strict, but not too strict, and those who really enjoy teaching and don't feel that it is just a burden they have to bear.

Classroom conditions are of vital importance to the student's attitude toward the school. An informal classroom in which the students can voice their opinions and get to know the teacher, as well as each other better, helps in keeping the student's interest in his entire school program. Classrooms should also be large enough for the number of students who will attend class in the room, and they should be furnished with all the equipment necessary for that particular subject.

I feel that many of the classes in our school would be improved if better textbooks were used, ones that would be of interest to everyone. They shoould be concise and accurate.

Extra-curricular activities should also be well planned to include the school as a whole, not just a select few. Participation in clubs, sports, etc., helps build school spirit, which is essential if the students are to enjoy their school life.

However, no matter how excellent the classrooms, textbooks, teachers, and classes may be, I realize that it is up to each student to take advantage and make the best use of the opportunity which he has before him.

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